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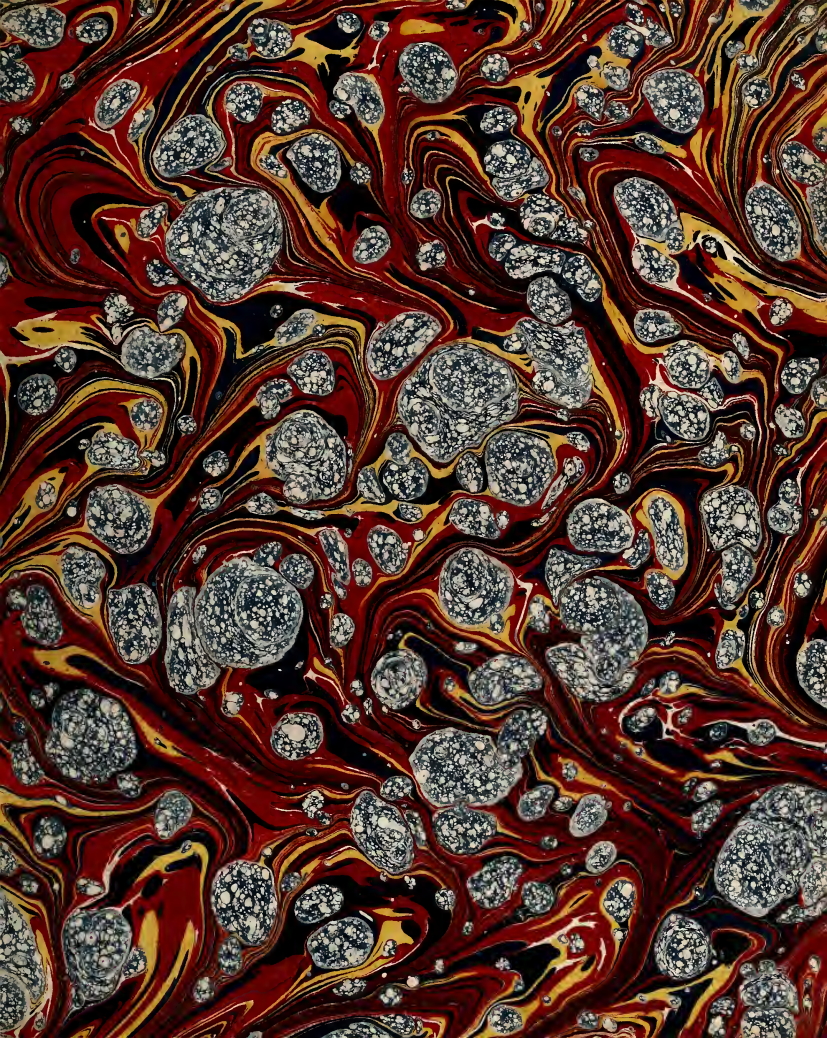

Virginia (Colony) Treaties, etc., 1756

A

TREATY

HELD WITH THE

CATAWBA and *CHEROKEE* INDIANS,

AT THE

CATAWBA-TOWN *and* BROAD-RIVER,

IN THE

Months of *February* and *March* 1756.

By Virtue of a Commiſſion granted by the Honorable *ROBERT DINWIDDIE*, Eſquire, His Majeſty's Lieutenant-Governor, and Commander in Chief of the Colony and Dominion of VIRGINIA, to the Honorable PETER RANDOLPH and WILLIAM BYRD, Eſquires, Members of His Majeſty's Council of the ſaid Colony.

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INTRODUCTION.

HIS Honor the GOVERNOR *having received several undoubted Assurances of the sincere and hearty Dispositions of the* Catawba *and* Cherokee Indians *towards His* Britannic *Majesty's Subjects in general, and this Colony in particular, and considered the great Importance of securing those warlike Nations to our Interest at this perilous Juncture, when the* French *are laboring to seduce them from their Fidelity to us, was pleased to propose in Council the Sixth of* November *last, That proper Commissioners should be sent as soon as possible to those* Indians *with an handsome Present, and to conclude a firm and permanent League with them. Whereupon the Council judging that no better Use could be made of Part of the Money His Majesty had been graciously pleased to advance and send to his Honor for the general Service, unanimously agreed thereto. And* PETER RANDOLPH *and* WILLIAM BYRD, *Esquires, being nominated and approved of as Gentlemen perfectly well qualified to conduct and carry into Execution the proposed Treaties; they, in Consequence thereof, having received his Honor's Letter, with his Commission, and Instructions, and Speeches to the Chiefs of the said Nations, proceeded immediately on their Journey, and concluded the Treaties and Engagements, which are presented to the Public in the following Sheets.*

A

LETTER

FROM THE

GOVERNOR

TO

PETER RANDOLPH *and* WILLIAM BYRD, *Esquires.*

WILLIAMSBURG, *December 23d*, 1755.

Gentlemen,

"INCLOSED you have your Commiſſion, my two SPEECHES to the *Catawbas* and *Cherokees*, with ſome Inſtructions for you which are but ſhort, as I have a great Dependence on your known Capacity and Underſtanding; I think proper to give you a few Hints which may be of Service in your Negotiations with thoſe People.—— You will firſt meet with the King and great Men of the *Catawbas*; after the Council is met and Ceremonies of Reception over, you are firſt to read your Commiſſion, after that (as the Cuſtom of the *Indians* is) you are to tell them their Brother, the Governor of *Virginia*, is going to ſpeak to them; then read my Speech; as they are tedious in their Councils they probably will require ſome Time to anſwer it: You are to take all poſſible Care to convince them of our Regard and Love for them; let your Treaty with them be offenſive and defenſive, which muſt be committed to Writing, and ſigned by all the Chiefs preſent, and the Counter-Part by you in Behalf of this Colony. Endeavour to get them to mention the Number of Warriors they may agree to ſupply us with, and the Place they will march them into our Country, when we may have Occaſion for their Aſſiſtance; and by what Meſſage we are to give them Notice to come in to join our Forces, that we may provide for their Reception: If they ſhould intimate any Expectations of being paid for the Men they may ſend in

to our Aſſiſtance, you may come into ſuch Terms as you may think reaſonable; but if they do not mention any Thing of that Nature, you may aſſure them of being properly taken Care of.—— Do all you can to raiſe their Reſentment againſt the *French* and their *Indians*, and that they may diſcourage and hinder their coming into their Nation.

THE *Catawbas*, I hear, have long complained of being much confined by the *Engliſh* ſettling on their Land, that they wanted to ſell their Land, and go further to the *Weſtward*; if they mention any Thing of this, you may aſſure them I ſhall do every Thing in my Power with the Neighbouring Governors for their Service. You will have Occaſion to go thro' the forementioned Ceremonies, *&c.* with the *Cherokees*; but you are to conſider them as a much more numerous Nation, and their Lands very extenſive: The *French* have been endeavouring for many Years to bring them over to their Intereſt, and to build Forts in the Upper *Cherokee* Country, but I hope they have not as yet built them; if they have, endeavour to prevail with the *Indians* to deſtroy them, and by no Means to allow them any Settlement in their Nation; and if poſſible, to hinder any of the *French* or their *Indians*, having any Conſultations with them, unleſs they bring a Certificate or Meſſage by one of the *Six Nations* or their Brothers the *Engliſh*, otherways they will endeavour to deceive them.—— Perſuade them to take great Care of the Paſſes over the Mountains to the Upper *Cherokees*, to prevent any Surprize. Make an Excuſe for not ſending them ſome Arms, let them know they were not to be had here, but we will endeavour to provide ſome for them; you will find the Traders from *South-Carolina*, will do all they can to harraſs you in your Treaty.—— There is one *Smith*, a Native of this Country, and a Trader from *Charles-Town*, he bears a good Character, you may ſend for him, he probably may be of Service to you. Be ſure to return the *Cherokees* hearty Thanks for the Men they ſent in with Mr. *Paris* to our Aſſiſtance againſt the *Shawneſe*.

AS many Things may occur in the Courſe of your Negotiations, that I cannot foreſee, your own good Senſe muſt be your Guide, and I accordingly refer it entirely to you. The Attorney-General brings you the £. 250 you wrote for. I am greatly diſappointed in Wampum, having wrote to Col. *Hunter* to bring me a Quantity, but he is not returned; I think you wrote me Col. *Eaton* would ſupply you, he will let you know the Quantity neceſſary.

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INCLOSED you have Invoice of Goods for a Prefent, packed up and directed for each Nation; and I hope, if the Weather permits, to fend them from this on *Monday* or *Tuefday* next, for *Peterfburg*. The ten Pieces of *Dutch* Blanketing from Mr. *Turnbull*, are for the *Cherokees*, and if there be any Thing wanting, have it from him, and defire him to fend me the Account.——As the *Cherokees* are by Report ten to one of the *Catawbas*, I have proportioned the Powder and Lead accordingly, which you may alter if you fee proper.——Two *Cherokee* Boys, who were taken Prifoners by the *Northern-Indians*, were retaken by a Company of our Rangers; I ordered them back to their Nation, pray enquire about them.

SINCE writing the above, I have a Letter from Mr. *Dobbs*, Governor of *North-Carolina*, he appoints two Commiffioners to go to the *Catawbas* and *Cherokees*; he propofes their meeting you at a Place, I think he calls it *Salifbury*, which he fays is near the *Indian*-Road, which Rout he fuppofes you will take.——I wrote him, I believed you would fet out from this the 4th or 6th of *January*.

IF I have omitted any Thing as Hints for your Conduct, pleafe fend me Word and I fhall anfwer you.——That you may have your Health, Succefs in your Negotiations, and a fafe Return, is the fincere Wifh of

Gentlemen,
Your affectionate humble Servant,

ROBERT DINWIDDIE.

To the Hon. PETER RANDOLPH and WILLIAM BYRD, Efquires.

ROBERT

ROBERT DINWIDDIE, Eſquire, His Majeſty's Lieutenant-Governor, and Commander in Chief of the Colony and Dominion of VIRGINIA,

To the Honorable PETER RANDOLPH, *Eſquire, one of His Majeſty's Council, Lieutenant of the County of* Henrico, *and Surveyor-General of His Majeſty's Cuſtoms; and* WILLIAM BYRD, *Eſquire, one of His Majeſty's Council, and Lieutenant of the County of* Lunenburg,

BY Virtue of the Power and Authority inveſted in me, as His Majeſty's Lieutenant-Governor, and Commander in Chief of this Dominion, I hereby nominate and appoint you, the ſaid *Peter Randolph* and *William Byrd*, Eſquires, Commiſſioners to the *Catawba* and *Cherokee* Nations of *Indians*; hereby giving you full Power and Authority to conclude and ſettle a firm Treaty of Peace and Friendſhip with both thoſe Nations, they being our old Friends and Allies.

GIVEN *under my Hand, and cauſed the Great-Seal of this Colony to be affixed thereto at* Williamſburg, *this Twenty Third Day of* December, *One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Fifty Five.*

ROBERT DINWIDDIE.

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INSTRUCTIONS, *for* PETER RANDOLPH *and* WILLIAM BYRD, *Esquires, appointed Commissioners to treat on Behalf of the Colony and Dominion of* Virginia, *with the* Catawbas *and* Cherokees.

I. YOU shall hold yourselves in Readiness to set forward to the Place of Treaty pursuant to your Commission in order to arrive at the *Catawba* and *Cherokee* Nations of *Indians*, with all due Speed, and being there arrived, you shall with all proper Dispatch convene the Chiefs of the said Nations, and having adjusted the necessary Forms and Ceremonies, you are at the first general and public Conference to accquaint the *Indians*, that you are come purposely to assure them of the kind and friendly Dispositions of the Inhabitants of this Colony towards them, as well as of the Care that has been taken on their Part, to preserve the most perfect Harmony, and good Understanding with their ancient Friends of those Nations in particular, and in general with all others with whom they have ever made Friendship and Alliance. You are then to compliment them on their steady Adherence, and to desire of them to concur with you in establishing, and perpetuating for all future Time, an immovable Friendship with their Brethren whom you represent.

II. YOU are then to present my Speech to them, and proceed to acquaint them with the Present you are charged with for them, and to enlarge on the Kindness and Friendship it expresses towards them; and this will lead you to magnify the Grandeur and Munificence of the King, after which you are in the most affecting Manner to present the Particulars as directed.

III. HAVING thus and by whatever other Means the Time and Circumstances shall suggest, introduced yourselves to the Favor of the *Indians*, you are to animate them against the unjust Disturbances given to the Peace of Mankind by the restless and insatiate Thirst of Dominion, which is ever actuating the *French* to covet and encroach upon the Possessions of not only the *English*, but all the *Indian* Nations in *America*. To

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this End you will acquaint them with their Breach of Faith, and the unprovoked Rapines and Murders committed by them on the Frontier Inhabitants of the Colonies in Time of Tranquility and Peace; and let them know that they have prevailed on the *Delawares* and *Shawneſe*, to do Miſchief when they pretended to be our Friends. After having duly repreſented theſe Perfidies and Violences, you are to acquaint them that the *Six Nations* have joined us againſt the *French*, and to deſire their Aſſiſtance, and to agree on ſome Diſtinction or Signal whereby the *Catawbas* and *Cherokees*, may be diſtinguiſhed from other *Indians*, when they come into our Inhabitants, and to know what Number of Men they will furniſh, and when.

IV. YOU are to inform yourſelves particularly, what *Indian* Nations they can bring into our Alliance, and what Settlements the *French* have made in their Neighbourhood, their Extent, Strength, and at what Period of Time they were made. And you are to endeavour to make yourſelves acquainted with the Arts made Uſe of by the *French* to alienate the Affections of *Indians* from the *Engliſh*. You are to exhort them not to be drawn away by deceitful empty Speeches, the peculiar Talent of that cunning People, nor to ſuffer them on any Pretence whatſoever, to erect any Fort in their Country. But in every Attempt that ſhall be made to ſhake their Duty to our common Father, let them conſider what real Acts of Friendſhip have been done them by the *Engliſh*, and what by the *French*; let them weigh theſe Things well in their Minds, and then determine who beſt deſerves their Eſteem and Regard; for it is not by vain unmeaning Words that true Friendſhip is to be diſcovered, but by its Effects.

V. WHATEVER Treaty you ſhall enter into with either of theſe Nations, you are to take ſpecial Care to have it ſigned by all the Sachems or Chiefs who ſhall be preſent at it.

VI. IF any Thing incidentally occur in the Negotiation not particularly taken Notice of by theſe Inſtructions, you are to conduct yourſelves in ſuch Manner, as the Nature and Expediency of the Subject Matter, Time and Place may require, according to the beſt of your Diſcretion.

I WISH you Succeſs in your Negotiations, an agreeable Journey, and a ſafe Return—And I am,

Gentlemen,

Your moſt humble Servant,

ROBERT DINWIDDIE.

ROBERT DINWIDDIE, Esquire, His Majesty's Lieutenant-Governor, and Commander in Chief of the Colony and Dominion of *Virginia*.

To the King, Sachems, and Warriors, of the CATAWBA Nation, *Wishing you Health and Prosperity.*

BROTHERS and FRIENDS,

THIS will be delivered you by the Honorable PETER RANDOLPH and WILLIAM BYRD, Esquires, two of His Majesty's Council of this Dominion, who will shake Hands with you, and are come this long and tedious Journey to assure you of our real Friendship and Love for you; they have my Commission to treat with you, and to brighten and strengthen the Chain of Friendship that has so long subsisted between you and your Brothers the *English*; and am in great Hopes the Treaty you are to make with the above Gentlemen in Behalf of this Dominion in particular, and all the *English* Inhabitants on this Continent, will continue as long as the Sun gives Light.

THE *French*, by their Emissaries are endeavouring all in their Power to gain over our friendly *Indians* to their Interest, I therefore advise you to be on your Guard against their invidious Insinuations, for their Speeches consist of Falsehoods and unjust Reports. The *Six Nations* have taken up the Hatchet against the *French* and their *Indians*, and have joined our Forces to drive the *French* from the Lands they have unjustly invaded, and have lately given them a remarkable Defeat, killed many of their People and taken several of their great Officers Prisoners; and I hope next Year they will be able to confine them to the barren Lands of *Canada*.

LATELY many of the *French* joined with the *Shawnese* came into our Country, robbed and murdered many of our Brethern: Our Friends and Brothers the *Cherokees*, knowing the Truth thereof, immediately took up the Hatchet against the *French* and *Shawnese*,

Shawneſe, and ſent into our Country a Number of their Warriors to protect our Frontiers, and to war againſt thoſe perfidious People.—And I hope Brothers you will alſo take up the Hatchet, againſt the *French* and their *Indians*; and as I have great Reaſon to expect many of the *Cherokee* Warriors on any Occaſion, to go to War againſt your Enemies and ours, I therefore hope you will alſo aſſiſt with a Number of your brave Warriors.

THE Commiſſioners will alſo deliver you a Preſent ſent from our Father the Great King, and this Dominion, to aſſure you of our Sincerity to continue in true Friendſhip with the *Catawbas*. Whatever the Commiſſioners tell you, you are to believe as ſpoke by myſelf, and I am in hopes your will conclude with them a Treaty of Peace and Friendſhip which may continue as long as the Rivers run and Trees grow, which will be confirmed by me, and tranſmitted to our Father the other Side of the great Water.

MAY you live long, and that we may always act with true Friendſhip for each other, is my ſincere Wiſh.

GIVEN *at* Williamſburg, *under my Hand and the Great-Seal of this Colony, this Twenty-Third Day of* December, *One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Fifty Five.*

ROBERT DINWIDDIE.

In Confirmation of the above I, give you a Belt of Wampum.

ROBERT

ROBERT DINWIDDIE, Esquire, His Majesty's Lieutenant-Governor, and Commander in Chief of the Colony and Dominion of *Virginia*.

To the Emperor OLD-HOP, and the other Sachems, and Warriors, of the Great Nation of the CHEROKEES, Wishing Health and Prosperty.

THIS will be delivered you by the Honorable PETER RANDOLPH and WILLIAM BYRD, Esquires, two of His Majesty's Council, who will take you by the Hand; they have undertaken this long Journey to assure you of the real Love and Friendship your Brothers of this Dominion have for you; they have my Commission to enter into a Treaty of Peace with you, to brighten and strengthen the Chain of Friendship that has so long subsisted between your Brothers the *English*, and the brave *Cherokees*; I desire you will receive what they say to you, as if spoke to you by myself.

I AM in hopes the Treaty now proposed to be made with the above Gentlemen in Behalf of this Dominion in particular, and all your Brothers on this Continent, will continue as long as the Sun and Moon give Light. The *French* by their Emissaries, are endeavouring to poison the Minds of our friendly *Indians*, and to withdraw them from their Brothers the *English*; I advise you to be on your Guard against them, their Speeches are made up of Falsehoods and unjust Reports, let none of them remain among you, and by no Means allow them to build any Forts on the River *Hogohegee*, in the Upper *Cherokee* Country, for their Intentions are with evil Design against you and your Brothers the English.—— The *Six Nations* have taken up the Hatchet against the *French* and their *Indians*, and joined our Forces to the *Northward* with a great Number of their

Warriors; and in a Battle with the *French*, we killed a great Number of their Men, and took ſeveral of their chief Officers Priſoners, obtaining a compleat Victory over them; and I hope on Occaſion, you will be ready and willing to give us your Aſſiſtance.

THE Treaty now propoſed to be made ſhall be confirmed by me, and tranſmitted to our Father the King of *Great-Britain*, *&c.* the other Side of the great Water. The Commiſſioners will deliver you ſome Powder, Lead, and other Goods, from your Father and your Brothers of this Dominion, to convince you of our ſincere Friendſhip to your Nation.

THAT you may remain an happy People, and that true Love may ſubſiſt between you and your Brothers the *Engliſh*, till the End of Time, is my ſincere Wiſh.

GIVEN *at* Williamſburg, *under my Hand and the Great-Seal of this Colony, this Twenty-Third Day of* December, *One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Fifty Five.*

ROBERT DINWIDDIE.

In Confirmation of the above I give you a Belt of Wampum.

A

TREATY, &c.

At the Catawba-Town, *the 20th of* February, 1756.

PRESENT.

The Honorable { PETER RANDOLPH, and WILLIAM BYRD, } Esquires, Commissioners for *Virginia*.

THOMAS ADAMS, Esquire, Secretary.

HEIGLER, King of the *Catawbas*, and all the Sachems and Warriors of that Nation.

WILLIAM GILES, Interpreter.

The Commissioners having first produced their Deputation, and the same being read and interpreted, they spoke as followeth:

Brethren, King, Sachems, and Warriors, of the Great CATAWBA Nation,

"OUR common Father, the Great King of *England*, has been pleased to direct your Brother, the Governor of *Virginia*, to send Commissioners hither, to assure you of his Affection, and to present you with as many Goods in Token thereof as it was convenient to send so far, at this Season of the Year. It was his Pleasure to appoint us to that Charge, and at the same Time, to direct us to deliver you a Speech in his Name, with a Belt of Wampum, which we are now ready to do, and hope you will be attentive thereto."

To which King *Heigler* anſwered,

" WE ſhall always liſten to every Thing that comes from our Brothers of *Virginia* with great Attention, and are now prepared to hear whatever you may be directed to ſay to us in the Name of the Governor of that Colony."

The Secretary then proceeded to read the Governor's Speech, which was interpreted.

(See the GOVERNOR'*s* SPEECH, *Page* xi.*)*

Upon which the Indians *gave the* YO-HAH.

Then the Commiſſioners ſpoke as follows.

Brothers and Friends,

" YOU have heard his Honor the Governor of *Virginia*'s Speech, wherein he has confirmed what we juſt now told you, that we are ſent here to repreſent him and the Colony under his Command, in order to brighten the Chain, and ſtrengthen the Friendſhip, which has ſubſiſted between you and them, ſince a much earlier Time than our oldeſt Men can remember. It is not Brethern in Behalf of *Virginia* alone, that we have come ſo far to tell you, how highly we value and commend your ſteady Friendſhip to the great King *George*, and his Children in *Virginia*, but of all his Subjects in *America*, who have ever held you in high Eſteem, having always found you our faithful Friends, and make no Doubt but that you will continue ſuch to all future Time. To convince you of our great Dependence upon your unſhaken Love, we preſent you with this String of Wampum."

" YOU cannot be Strangers, brave CATAWBAS, to the late unjuſtifiable Steps taken by the *French*, that crafty Enemy of all Mankind, to debauch the Principles and poiſon the Minds of not only the *Indians*, but of all other Nations, who are in Alliance with the great King our Father. They are a People, Brothers, whoſe Thirſt of Power is ſo great, that nothing but an intire Reduction of the whole World to their Subjection, can ſatisfy their boundleſs Ambition. By their dark Meaſures, and deceitful Practices, they have ſo far unhappily ſucceeded, as to prevail on the *Shawneſe* and *Delaware Indians*, to make Incurſions on the Frontiers of *Virginia*, *Maryland*, and *Pennſylvania*, to murder in the moſt inhuman Manner, defenceleſs Huſbandmen at their Labor, weak Women in their Beds, with their tender Infants at their Breaſts, reſting ſecure in their own Innocence in Time

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of a ſettled Peace. And thus thoſe Nations continue ſtill to act in open Violation of a ſolemn Treaty concluded on at *Loggs*-Town, about three Years paſt, between our Commiſſioners and their Chiefs.

" OUR Friends the *Six Nations* concerned for the Misfortunes of their Brethern, and enraged that the *French* and their *Indians* pay ſo little Regard to their Engagements, have taken up the Hatchet againſt them, and joined General *Johnſon* laſt Fall, on Lake St. *Sacrament*, where after a bloody Battle, it pleaſed the Great God, to bleſs our Arms with Victory, and to enable our Men to deſtroy the greateſt Part of their Enemies, to captivate their General, and ſlay many of their commanding Officers. To confirm the Truth of what we have told you, we give you this String of Wampum.

" WE are deſired by the Governor of *Virginia*, to inform you, That we now ſtand in need of your Aſſiſtance; and from the many Inſtances of your Friendſhip, we hope you will join our Forces with ſuch a Number of Warriors, as you think you may with Safety to yourſelves ſpare, whenever there may be Occaſion for them, of which you ſhall have due Notice.

" YOUR Compliance with this Requeſt will give us an Opportunity of repreſenting to the King your Father, your Readineſs to defend His Dominions, on this Side the great Water. And that you may be encouraged to march againſt the Enemy, with greater Chearfulneſs, we promiſe you that your Men ſhall be ſupplied with Arms, Ammunition, and every Thing neceſſary for War. To confirm the Truth of what we have ſaid, and to enforce our Requeſt, we give you this Belt of Wampum."

Upon which the Indians *gave the uſual Cry of Approbation.*

KING *Heigler*, then repeated the Subſtance of what had been ſaid, and that there might be no Miſtakes, deſired the Interpreter to attend him and his Chiefs in a Council that Evening, and at the ſame Time told the Commiſſioners that he propoſed to give them an Anſwer in the Morning.

February 21ſt, 1756.

PRESENT.

The Honorable { PETER RANDOLPH, and WILLIAM BYRD, } Eſquires, Commiſſioners.

THOMAS ADAMS, Eſquire, Secretary.

HEIGLER, King of the *Catawbas*, and all the Sachems and Warriors of that Nation.

WILLIAM GILES, Interpreter.

King HEIGLER *ſpoke as follows,*

Brothers and Friends,

"AT the Requeſt of my Brother the Governor of *Virginia*, I made him a Viſit laſt Year. After much Talk with him, which I have treaſured up in my Breaſt, and hope he has done the ſame, he told me that he did not then want my Aſſiſtance, but deſired that I would hold my Warriors in Readineſs, not doubting, but that he ſhould have Occaſion for them ſoon. It was at the repeated Requeſts of the *Northern* Governors, that we concluded a Peace with their *Indians*, which we have hitherto ſtrictly obſerved. But as the *Shawneſe* and *Delawares*, have broke the Chain of Friendſhip, between them and our Brethern the *Engliſh*, we think ourſelves bound in Gratitude to declare them our Enemies, and ſhall immediately take up the Hatchet againſt them, and you may be aſſured, never lay it down 'til we have ſufficiently revenged the Blood of our Friends. We have always been ſupplied, with Cloaths, Guns and Ammunition, by the Great King, on the other Side of the Water, and have the moſt grateful Remembrance of his Kindneſs to us, which has link'd us to his Intereſt with a Chain ſtronger than Iron. Our Warriors delight in War, and our young Men are equally pleaſed that they have an Opportunity of going to Battle. It is my Reſolution to lead them on whenever the Governor of *Virginia* thinks proper.

"WE are in perfect Amity with the *Cherokees*, *Cowetaws* and *Chickaſaws*. The *Cherokees* have ever been our Friends, and as they are a numerous Nation, we acknowledge them to be our elder Brother.

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" WE hope they will ſhew a good Example by ſending a great Number of their Warriors to join us and our Brethern of *Virginia* againſt the *French* and their *Indian* Allies. "

Gave a Belt of Wampum.

KING *Heigler*, then deſired his Warriors to ſpeak for themſelves, upon which *Prenchee-Uraw*, ſpoke as followeth.

Friends and Brothers,

" I AM a young Man, and have not yet diſtinguiſhed myſelf in War, but I am not a little pleaſed, that I have an Opportunity of doing it. If I ſhould be ſo fortunate as to do any Thing that deſerves Commendation, I ſhall have the Thanks of the Great King *George*, and my Brethern the *Engliſh*. But whether I am ſucceſsful or not, my Endeavours ſhall be ſuch as to convince them of the Integrity of my Intentions."

Chippapaw, then roſe up and ſpoke as follows,

Brothers.

" YOU have put a bright Hatchet in our Hands, which we have accepted and hold faſt. You have alſo directed us where to ſtrike it. I am determined, either to dye it in the Blood of our Enemies, or to loſe my Life in the Attempt. "

Hixa-Uraw, then ſpoke to the following Purpoſe,

Brothers,

" I HAVE liſtened attentively to what the King and Warriors have ſaid. Their Readineſs in complying with your Requeſt, has given me great Pleaſure, and as I have Feet as well as they, I ſhall not ſtay at Home, if they are able to ſupport me. "

THE other Warriors preſent ſaid that the King and thoſe who had already ſpoken, had expreſſed their Sentiments, and that they were ready whenever they were called on, to hazard their Lives in Defence of their Brethern the *Engliſh*.

The Commiſſioners immediately made the following Reply,

Brethern,

" YOUR Anſwer has given us great Satisfaction, and we doubt not, but that, by your future Actions, you will approve yourſelves to be that brave People your Brethern the *Engliſh*, have ever eſteemed you.

" WE have Inſtructions from our Governor, to deſire that you will inform us, what Number of Men you can ſend to our Aſſiſtance, by which Means he will be the better Judge of our Strength. Our Enemies the *French* will undoubtedly exert themſelves

ſelves to carry their Schemes into Execution, and therefore it is the more neceſſary we ſhould act with Vigor and Unanimity. That there may be no Miſapprehenſions, we have prepared an Inſtrument of Writing, containing Six Articles, to be ſigned by us in Behalf of the Colony we repreſent, and by your King and Sachems in Behalf of your Nation. We ſhall leave them with you for your Conſideration, and when they have been interpreted to you, and you have in Council conſulted your People, we hope they will meet with your Approbation.

" WE have left a Blank for the Number of Men, with which you are to ſupply us, which, we flatter ourſelves, will be ſo great, as to be of real Service to us, and demonſtrate your Zeal for our common Defence.

" THE Goods, we have before-mentioned to you, are now expoſed to your View, and whenever it is agreeable to you, you may proceed to divide them among you."

THE Commiſſioners then withdrew, and the King and Sachems after a ſhott Conſultation, deſired them to return, and after being again ſeated, King *Heigler* ſpoke as follows,

Brethren,

" WE have had the Articles propoſed to us under our Conſideration, and we entirely approve of them. A great Number of our Warriors being now in the Woods, we can only venture to aſſure you of Forty Men, altho' it is more than probable, that we ſhall ſend double that Number. But that we may preſerve the Reputation of a ſteady faithful People, we will engage for nothing more than we can with the greateſt Certainty comply with. We have ſeen the Goods and accept them as a Token of your Affection; which we hope you will deſervedly continue to us ſo long as the World exiſts."

THE Articles were then again read, and ſigned by the Commiſſioners, the King, and Warriors of the CATAWBA Nation reſpectively. After which the *Indians* expreſſed great Satisfaction, and the Commiſſioners calling for Wine and Punch, drank, *Health to the Great King* GEORGE *and the* CATAWBA *Nation*; which put an End to the Treaty.

A COPY of the ARTICLES.

BE it KNOWN to all those to whom these Presents shall come, That the Honorable Robert Dinwiddie, *Esquire, Lieutenant-Governor, and Commander in Chief, of the Colony and Dominion of* VIRGINIA, *and* Aratafwa *King,* Chupahaw, Prenchee-Uraw, Hixa-Uraw, Tannafee, Yeaputkee, *and* Tookfefey, *Sachems and Warriors of the brave Nation of* CATAWBA Indians, *laying nothing more to Heart, than by new Ties to ftrengthen the good Correfpondence eftablifhed between the Subjects of the King of* Great-Britain, *refiding in* North-America, *and their Brothers and faithful Allies the* CATAWBAS, *and to prevent, by Meafures taken in Time, the Accidents that may excite a War, or cauſe a Diſunion: The Honorable* Peter Randolph, *Eſquire, one of His Majeſty's Council, Lieutenant of the County of* Henrico, *and Surveyor-General of His Majeſty's Cuſtoms, and the Honorable* William Byrd, *Eſquire, one of His Majeſty's Council, and Lieutenant of the County of* Lunenburg, *on the Part and Behalf of the ſaid* Robert Dinwiddie, *Eſquire, and the ſaid Colony of* VIRGINIA, *and the ſaid* Aratafwa *King,* Chupahaw, Prenchee-Uraw, Hixa-Uraw, Tannafee, Yeaputkee, *and* Tookfefey, *Sachems and Warriors on the Part and Behalf of the* CATAWBA *Nation, having full Power, do treat, accord, and conclude the following Articles.*

I. *THAT the ancient Alliance between the* Engliſh *and* Catawbas *be renewed, and the old Chain brightened.*

II. *THAT if the* French *King ſhall at any Time wage War againſt the King of* England, *the* Catawbas *ſhall wage War with all their Power againſt the* French *King, and all his* Indian *Allies.*

III. *THAT the* Catawbas *ſhall march into* Virginia, *Forty or more able Warriors, within Forty Days from the Date of theſe Preſents, to ſuch Fort or Place as the Governor of* Virginia *ſhall direct.*

IV. *THAT the Men who ſhall be employed in the Service of the* Engliſh, *in the Colony of* Virginia, *as Warriors, be found and provided with all neceſſary Cloaths, Victuals, Arms and Ammunition.*

V. *THAT neither the* Catawbas *nor* Virginians, *shall protect the disobedient Subjects of the other, or entertain Rebels, Traitors or Fugitives, but within Twenty Days after due Requisition made, shall deliver them up.*

VI. *THAT if any Subject belonging to the King of* Great-Britain, *residing in* Virginia, *or any* Indian *belonging to the* Catawba *Nation, shall offend against this Treaty, they shall be punished, without the Treaty being any Way thereby infringed.*

Done and signed at the CATAWBA-TOWN, the 21st Day of *February*, 1756.

PETER RANDOLIH. - - - - [L. S.]
WILLIAM BYRD. - - - - - [L. S.]
ARATASWA, *(mark)* or HEIGLER. [L. S.]
CHUPAHAW, *(mark.)* - - - - [L. S.]
PRENCHEE-URAW, *(mark.)* - - [L. S.]
HIXA-URAW, *(mark.)* - - - [L. S.]
TANNASEE, *(mark.)* - - - - [L. S.]
YEAPUTKEE, *(mark.)* - - - - [L. S.]
TOOKSESEY, *(mark.)* - - - - [L. S.]

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BROAD-RIVER, *March* 13th, 1756.

PRESENT.

The Honorable { PETER RANDOLPH, and WILLIAM BYRD, } Eſquires, Commiſſioners for *Virginia*.

THOMAS ADAMS, Eſquire, Secretary.

The Sachems and Warriors of the CHEROKEES.

RICHARD SMITH,
ABRAHAM SMITH,
DANIEL CARROL, } Interpreters.

The Little-Carpenter *ſpoke as follows,*

Friends and Brothers,

"THE Waters are high, and as we are numerous and there are no Canoes to carry us over the River, we ſhall be obliged to you to come over to us. We ſhould not preſume to expect this Favor, but that you may paſs the River in one Canoe, and our People are all deſirous of being preſent at the Treaty. We are impatient to return Home, and therefore, altho' we are much fatigued, hope you will join with us in expediting the Buſineſs as faſt as poſſible."

To which the Commiſſioners replied,

"YOUR Requeſt is very reaſonable, and therefore we ſhall chearfully comply with it. We are pleaſed to find you diſpoſed to enter on Buſineſs immediately, and we ſhall be ready to ſpeak to you To-morrow at Twelve o'Clock."

March 14th, 1756.

PRESENT.

The Honorable { PETER RANDOLPH, and WILLIAM BYRD, } Esquires, Commissioners.

THOMAS ADAMS, Esquire, Secretary.

The Sachems and Warriors of the CHEROKEES.

RICHARD SMITH, ABRAHAM SMITH, and DANIEL CARROL Interpreters.

The Commissioners spoke as follows,

Brethren, Sachems, and Warriors of the great and powerful Nation of CHEROKEES,

"THE Governor of *Virginia*, having by his Commission under the Great-Seal of that Colony, deputed us to visit you our Brethern, in order to consult you on some Affairs, in which our Interests are mutually concerned; we heartily bid you welcome.— We have waited a long Time for your coming, but we presume, from the remote Situation of many of your Towns, that your Sachems could not be convened sooner, and therefore we the more chearfully acquiesce under the many Inconveniences we have been subjected to thro' your Delay. You could not have given us a greater Evidence of your Esteem, than by your meeting us so much lower-down than the Place you first appointed; the Badness of the Roads, which are almost impassable for Waggons, and the Scarcity of Corn, having made our Journey both tedious and expensive. We are first to deliver you a Speech, in the Name of our Governor, with a Belt of Wampum, which we hope you'll hear with Attention, and that it will have that Influence on you, which he expects."

The Secretary then read the Governor's Speech, which was interpreted.

(See the GOVERNOR'S SPEECH, *Page* xii.*)*

Upon which the Indians *gave the* YO-HAH.

Then the Commissioners spoke as follows,

"AS you are now acquainted with the Intention of our undertaking this long and fatiguing Journey, permit us to assure you of our Readiness to concur in brightening

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and ſtrengthening the Chain of Friendſhip which has hitherto remained unviolated, and which we on our Parts ſhall endeavour to preſerve unſhaken, ſo long as the Sun and Moon ſhall endure.

Brethern,

" YOUR Fidelity and ſteady Adherence to the Intereſt of the *Engliſh*, of which the ſending your Warriors to the Aſſiſtance of your Brethern the *Virginians* is a recent Inſtance, have had ſuch an happy Influence upon the King your Father, that He, always diſpoſed to reward his dutiful Children, has ordered a Preſent of Goods to be ſent to you. And in Obedience to His Majeſty's Commands, we were immediately diſpatched with them, and they are now ready for your Acceptance. We are ſorry to tell you, that altho' your Brother the Governor of *Virginia*, ſpared no Pains in purchaſing the moſt ſuitable Goods for you, yet he could by no Means procure a ſufficient Number of ſuch fire Arms, as would be acceptable to you. We have however his Permiſſion to aſſure you, that you ſhall be ſupplied with them hereafter.—In Confirmation whereof we give you this String of Wampum.

Brethern,

" YOU have undoubtedly heard that many ſkulking Parties of *Indians*, prompted thereto by our treacherous and moſt perfidious Enemies the *French*, have made Incurſions upon our Frontiers, murdering and captivating all the Men, Women and Children, who were ſo unhappy as to fall into their Way. The *Indians* principally concerned in this Bloodſhed, are the *Shawneſe* and *Delawares*, who delighting in Blood, and not obſerving the moſt ſolemn Treaties, at which they have always had a large Share of the Royal Bounty, have by the Cunning and Artifice of the *French*, been withdrawn from their Allegiance to the Great King, the Father of us all, and prevailed on take up the murdering Hatchet againſt his Children. Thus the *French*, contrary to the Law of Nature and Nations, are for ever puſhing on our own Allies to deſtroy us, and what may we not all expect, if we do not vigorouſly unite to fruſtrate their wicked Deſigns. The Frontier Inhabitants of the *Northern* Colonies have been as yet the only Victims of their Fury, but be aſſured, Brethern, that unleſs you take the neceſſary Steps to prevent it, you will likewiſe be involved in the ſame Calamity. That we may never be again expoſed to the Treachery and Deceit of thoſe cruel Savages, we have reſolved to cut them off from the Race of Mankind, and we do in Behalf of the People we repreſent, return you our ſincere and unfeigned Thanks for your kind and friendly Aſſiſtance, in the Execution of that Deſign.

Brethern

Brethren,

" THE *French*, who have nothing less in View than universal Monarchy, and are for ever encroaching upon the Lands of not only the *English*, but of all the *Indian* Nations in *America*, have built Forts upon our Lands: And the better to support their ambitious Views, they have used every Artifice in their Power to win the *Six Nations* to their Interest. But they detesting their perfidious Practices, and being by dear-bought Experience convinced, how little their Promises are to be regarded, would not be deluded by their fallacious Speeches, but taking up the Hatchet against them and their *Indians*, joined our Forces to the *Northward* with a great Number of their Warriors, where our Army under the Command of General *Johnson*, obtained a complete Victory over them.—— In Testimony whereof we give you this Belt of Wampum.

Brethren,

" REMEMBER how this cruel People usurped the Land of the *Nochees*, and chased them from their Country. Forget not also their Endeavours to destroy the *Chickasaws*, who having timely Notice of their evil Intentions, gave them a brave Repulse. You must have heard of the many Attempts they have made to cut off the *Six Nations*, but they diligently pursuing the most prudent Measures for their Security, have hitherto avoided the fatal Blow. We could enumerate a thousand Instances of their Cruelty, and defy them to point out a single Instance of ours: No, Brethern; on the contrary many Nations of *Indians* reduced by War, and unable to withstand the Torrent of their Enemies, have fled to us for Refuge, and have always found a secure Retreat among us.

Brethren,

" THE *American* Colonies no longer able to bear the Insults of the *French*, are resolved to unite in revenging the Injuries they have received from that perfidious Nation. And we have the most sanguine Hopes, that you, fired with Indignation at their repeated Acts of Barbarity, and animated with that Spirit, for which the *Cherokees* have been ever remarkable, will not suffer the Blood of your Brothers the *English*, who are always ready to sacrifice their Lives and Fortunes in your Defence, to remain unrevenged. Wherefore we invite you to follow the Example of the *Six Nations*, by joining not only your own Force with ours, but likewise by calling on all the Nations either in Alliance with you, or depending on you, to assist us. By which Means you will manifest your Duty to the King your Father, and your Love to your Brethren. For that Purpose you shall be

furnished

furniſhed with Arms and Ammunition, Cloathing and Proviſion.—In Confirmation whereof, and to enforce our Requeſt, we preſent you with this Belt of Wampum.

Which was received with the uſual Cry of Approbation.

Brethren,

" WE have heard, that the *French* have been endeavouring by their falſe Reports and cunning Inſinuations, to alienate your Affections from the *Engliſh*; but we have too great Confidence in your Integrity, to ſuſpect that you can be influenced by their deceitful and empty Speeches: And we flatter ourſelves, that you will on all Occaſions, give us the beſt and earlieſt Intelligence, of any Deſigns that may be formed to our Diſadvantage. By ſuch generous and candid Behaviour, you will not only eſtabliſh a Friendſhip with us upon a laſting and permanent Foundation, but alſo merit the Eſteem of the King your Father, who never fails to feed his dutiful Children when they are hungry, and cloath them when they are naked.—In Pledge of the Truth of what we have ſpoken, and of our Inclination to live and die with you, we give you this Belt of Wampum.

Which was received with the uſual Cry of Approbation.

Brethren,

" IT gives us Concern to hear that you ſhould ſuſpect your Friend *Richard Smith*, of endeavouring to prevail on us, to leave Part of the Goods deſigned for you at the *Catawbas*, by inſinuating that you were not a People worthy of a large Preſent. We aſſure you, that the Report is without the leaſt Foundation, and that if he had attempted to leſſen you in our Eſteem, we ſhould have treated him with the greateſt Diſdain. Your Brethren of *Virginia*, truly ſenſible of your inviolable Attachment to the Intereſt of the *Engliſh*, have taken every Opportunity of giving you Demonſtrations of their Affection. The Preſent indeed is not ſo large, as we could wiſh, for the Reaſon already mentioned, that the moſt material Articles, were not to be had in our Colony. To remove theſe Jealouſies for the future, we would fain have you ſend ſome of your Boys to *Virginia*, where we have a School erected for their Education. We promiſe you that all due Care ſhall be taken of them, both with Reſpect to their Cloaths and Learning. When they come to be Men, they will be acquainted with the Manners and Cuſtoms of us both, and our Children will naturally place ſuch a Confidence in them, as to employ them in ſettling any Diſputes that may hereafter ariſe.—In Token of the Sincerity of our Intentions, and of our great Deſire, that you ſhould accept of our Invitation, we give you this Belt of Wampum."

Which was received with the uſual Cry of Approbation.

CULLOUGHCULLA,

CULLOUGHCULLA, repeating to the Interpreter what had been ſaid, deſired to know if he had underſtood him right; which when the Interpreter anſwered in the Affirmative, he addreſſed himſelf to the Commiſſioners, telling them that they would deliberately conſider every Thing that had been ſaid to them, and return them an Anſwer To-morrow.

March 15th, 1756.

PRESENT.

The Honorable { PETER RANDOLPH, and WILLIAM BYRD, } Eſquires, Commiſſioners.

THOMAS ADAMS, Eſquire, Secretary.

The Sachems and Warriors of the CHEROKEES.

{ RICHARD SMITH, ABRAHAM SMITH, DANIEL CARROL, } Interpreters.

CULLOUGHCULLA's *Anſwer to the Commiſſioners Speech, delivered Yeſterday.*

Brothers,

"THIS Day is appointed from above, for our Meeting, and I rejoice in ſeeing our eldeſt Brothers the *Virginians* here; and that we may give you the earlieſt Aſſurance of our Affection for you, I preſent you with this String of Wampum. I have been in *England*, and have ſeen the Great King, you have ſo often had Occaſion to mention. He then acknowledged the *Cherokees* to be his Children, as well as the *Engliſh*, and deſired that we might continue Brethren for ever. I ſhall always remember my Father's Commands, and ſhall whenever I have an Opportunity, give the ſtrongeſt Demonſtrations of my Readineſs to obey them. It gives me the greateſt Concern to hear of the horrid Murders committed by the *Indians* on the Frontier Inhabitants of *Virginia*, and our Endeavours ſhall not be wanting, to prevent ſuch Maſſacres for the future; altho' I muſt tell you that all our People, who, by their Situation, can be moſt uſeful on this Occaſion, live in the upper Towns, who are as much expoſed to the Incurſions of the *French* and *Indians*, as your Frontier Inhabitants; and unleſs we have a Fort built for the Protection of our Wives and Children, in the Abſence of our

Warriors,

Warriors, it will not be safe for us to leave them. We have had frequent Promises from the Governor of *South-Carolina*, to build us a Fort; and it was stipulated, at a Treaty held at *Saludy* last Summer, when we signed a Release for our Lands to the Great King *George*: But we do not find, that that Governor has yet made the least Preparations towards performing his Engagement. Wherefore, we are sorry to tell you, that we don't much rely on him. The King our Father told me, that we should mutually assist each other, and therefore, as we are unacquainted with the Manner of building Forts, and had not the necessary Materials, we thought ourselves justifiable in making our Application to Governor *Glen*, who, I must again repeat it, has forfeited his Word. I have a Hatchet ready, but we hope our Friends will not expect us to take it up, 'till we have a Place of Safety for our Wives and Children. When they are secure, we will immediately send a great Number of Warriors to be employed by your Governor, where he shall think proper. I have given a true State of the Condition of our Country, and desire you will make a true Representation of our Situation to your Governor, and at the same Time tell him, that if no Steps are taken for our Security, the *French* will extinguish the friendly Fire between us: If he should have any Message to send to us hereafter, or should think it expedient to send Commissioners again to us, we desire they may come the *Northward* Path, it being the nearest. As it is a very dangerous Way, we need not recommend it to him to send a strong Guard. Our Governor is old and infirm, and can by no Means cross the Mountains, to meet you on the *Southern* Path, but I am instructed to tell you, that he will on any Occasion meet you at *Stalnacker*'s, and he hopes that the Governor of *Virginia*, will not refuse him a Meeting there. To convince you of our Attachment to your Interest, and to enforce our Request, we give you this String of Wampum.

Brothers,

" IT gives us Concern to find, that for so many Years our Brethren of *Virginia*, have declined a Trade with us. The King our Father, when I was in *England*, assured me that we should constantly be supplied with Goods; but we have hitherto found it otherwise. We tell you this, in hopes that when your Governor knows it, he will give proper Encourgagement to some of his People to open a Trade with us. You perceive the Nakedness of our People, and are very sensible, that we are unable to make any Thing but Bows and Arrows for our Defence; they are but bad Weapons, compared with Guns which kill at a great Distance. The *French* supply their *Indians* with the best of Fire-

Arms, and in that they have the Advantage of us; and therefore we again repeat our Requeſt to you, to begin a Trade with us, which we hope will be to our mutual Advantage.—— To enforce our Requeſt we preſent you with theſe Skins.

Brethren,

" OUR Governor gave us a particular Charge to let you know our Wants, and at the ſame Time to aſſure you, that the Path ſhall be cleared for your Traders, in ſuch a Manner, as that it ſhall never wear out. He alſo directed us to deſire that you will tranſmit this Treaty to the Great King on the other Side the Water, who, we doubt not, is quite ignorant of our Circumſtances, and will relieve us as ſoon as he is acquainted with them. To remind you of this Requeſt we give you theſe Skins."

Cunnetalogo, then roſe up and ſpoke as follows,

" I am ſent a Meſſenger by the Governor of our Nation, with this Belt of Wampum, to acquaint you of his Infirmities, and that he could not poſſibly croſs the Mountains, but that if the Governor of *Virginia*, ſhould hereafter think proper to have a Meeting with him, he could very conveniently come to *Stalnaker*'s. He alſo deſired me to inform you that he thought himſelf in great Danger, and that he could not poſſibly ſend out any Warriors to your Aſſiſtance, 'til he had a Place of Security, in their Abſence, for their Wives and Children; he therefore hopes that Men will be ſent immediately to erect a Fort. I am alſo directed to acquaint you, that the Trade we have with *Carolina*, is not ſufficient to ſupply us with Neceſſaries, which you may judge from our Nakedneſs. I do in our Governor's Name entreat you, to repreſent our Condition to your Governor, who, we make no doubt, when he is informed of our Poverty, from the Mouths of Men he can rely on, will ſend Traders to us. We will open the Path and keep it clear.

Gave a Belt of Wampum.

The Commiſſioners deſired the Interpreter to tell them, that they would conſider on what they had ſeverally ſaid, and give them an Anſwer To-morrow.

March 16th, 1756.

PRESENT.

The Honorable { PETER RANDOLPH, and WILLIAM BYRD, } Eſquires, Commiſſioners.

THOMAS ADAMS, Eſquire, Secretary.

The Sachems and Warriors of the CHEROKEES.

{ RICHARD SMITH, ABRAHAM SMITH, DANIEL CARROL, } Interpreters.

The Commiſſioners ſpoke as follows.

Brethren,

"WE are much pleaſed at the Satisfaction you expreſſed Yeſterday of ſeeing and talking with your Brethren of *Virginia*. But at the ſame Time it gave us no ſmall Concern, to hear from the Mouth of one of your greateſt Warriors, who, we preſume, ſpoke the Sentiments of you all, that you are not in a Condition to aſſiſt us. You reminded us of our mutual Obligation to aſſiſt each other in Caſe of a War with the *French*, which we acknowledge. And the Treaties for that Purpoſe gave us the ſtrongeſt Aſſurance that you would when called upon join our Forces on the *Ohio*, with at leaſt Five Hundred of your Warriors, which we hoped might be well ſpared, as your Nation is very numerous. You tell us that your Towns ſituated on the upper Side of the Mountains, are equally expoſed with our Frontier Inhabitants to the Incurſions of the *French*, but as we have always heard, that there were only a few Men employed in building the Fort you mention, and thoſe at a great Diſtance from you, we had no Reaſon to apprehend you to be in immediate Danger. However, as you think otherwiſe, we muſt allow, that Self-Defence ought to be firſt provided for, and therefore, to remove all Objections, we, in Behalf of the Colony of *Virginia*, do engage, that they ſhall contribute their Proportion of the Expence of building a ſtrong Fort for your Protection; provided, that you in Behalf of your Nation, will contract to ſupply us with a large Number of your Warriors, when that is compleated; to be marched into any Part of our Colony, upon

the firſt Notice. And in the mean Time, if you can ſupply us with only Two Hundred Men, you will have the greater Pretenſions to the Protection of the King your Father. We are the more ſolicitous for your Aſſiſtance at this Juncture, as there are many *Indians* in the *French* Service, whoſe Method and Manner of Fighting, you are much better acquainted with, than our People.

"WE ſhall faithfully repreſent every Thing you have ſaid to us to the Governor of *Virginia*, who will tranſmit this Treaty to the King your Father, and not only uſe his good Offices with His Majeſty in your Behalf, but alſo his Influence on the Inhabitants of that Colony, to engage them to be Adventurers in a Trade with you.

"WE have great Hopes, that another Meeting will be quite unneceſſary, as we are now inveſted with a full Power of concluding a Treaty with you, and you may be aſſured, our Engagements will be punctually performed. If our Propoſals meet with your Approbation, it is neceſſary that we ſhould enter into an Obligation to perform our reſpective Parts, and we ſhall prepare a Writing for that Purpoſe, and ſend it to you this Evening for your Peruſal.

"WHEN you have conſidered it and conſulted your People, you will then acquaint us with your Thoughts of it, for which Purpoſe we will attend you early in the Morning, and ſhall then hope to finiſh our Buſineſs."

CULLOUGHCULLA anſwered, that they were very deſirous of bringing the Treaty to a Concluſion, and that they would take the Articles as ſoon as they were prepared under their immediate Conſideration, and be ready to give a final Anſwer in the Morning.

March

March 17th, 1756.

PRESENT.

The Honorable { PETER RANDOLPH, and WILLIAM BYRD, } Esquires, Commissioners for *Virginia*;

THOMAS ADAMS, Esquire, Secretary.

The Sachems and Warriors of the CHEROKEES.

{ RICHARD SMITH, ABRAHAM SMITH, DANIEL CARROL, } Interpreters.

CULLOUGHCULLA, *spoke as follows*,

Brethren,

"THE Writing you sent us last Night has been interpreted to us, and having duly considered it, we approve of every Thing contained therein, and are now ready on our Part to sign it. We will engage to assist you with Four Hundred Men at least, as soon as the Fort is compleated, and we are not without Hopes, but that we shall then be able to send you double that Number."

THE Commissioners immediately signed it in Behalf of *Virginia*, and the Sachems in Behalf of their Nation; after which the Sachems by the Invitation of the Commissioners, dined with them, when the Commissioners drank '*The* KING'*s Health*, *the* Royal Family, *and Success to the* CHEROKEE *Nation*,' and the *Indians* returning the Compliment, drank, '*His* MAJESTY, *the* Royal Family, *and Prosperity to their Brethren the* English.' The *Indians* then retired to their Camp, taking first Leave of the Commissioners and those present, and expressing themselves well pleased with every Thing that had been done.

A COPY of the ARTICLES.

BE it KNOWN to all those to whom these Presents shall come, That the Honorable Robert Dinwiddie, *Esquire, Lieutenant-Governor, and Commander in Chief, of the Colony and Dominion of* VIRGINIA, *and* Ammoscosettee, *Emperor,* Otterle-Culloughculla, Counnerculogo, Onconago, Wullonowa, Occonnistoto, Chuchu, Ukiyourough, Ammoloyouker, Kealkiruftkee, Telletchee, Chunoyounkkee, *Sachems and Warriors of the great and powerful Nation of the* CHEROKEE Indians, *laying nothing more to Heart, than by new Ties, to strengthen the good Correspondence established between the Subjects of the King of* Great-Britain, *residing in* North-America, *and their Brothers and faithful Allies the* CHEROKEES, *and to prevent, by Measures taken in Time, the Accidents that may excite a War, or cause a Disunion: The Honorable* Peter Randolph, *Esquire, one of His Majesty's Council, Lieutenant of the County of* Henrico, *and Surveyor-General of His Majesty's Customs, and the Honorable* William Byrd, *Esquire, one of His Majesty's Council, and Lieutenant of the County of* Lunenburg, *on the Part and Behalf of the said* Robert Dinwiddie, *Esquire, and the said Colony of* VIRGINIA, *and the said* Ammoscosettee, *Emperor, and* Otterle-Culloughculla, Counnerculogo, Onconago, Wullonowa, Occonistoto, Chuchu, Ukiyourough, Ammotoyouker, Kealkiruftkee, Telletchee, Chunoyounkkee, *Sachems and Warriors on the Part and Behalf of the* CHEROKEE *Nation, having full Power, do treat, accord, and conclude the following Articles.*

I. *THAT the ancient Alliance be renewed, and the old Chain brightened between the* Englisli *and* Cherokees.

II. *THAT if the* French *King shall at any Time wage War against the King of* England, *the* Cherokees *shall wage War with all their Power against the* French *King, and all his Allies.*

III. *THAT* Virginia *shall assist in contributing their Proportion towards the building a* [illegible] *Fort, in such Part of the* Cherokee *Country as the Sachems and Warriors of that Nation shall direct, for their Protection.*

IV. *THAT*

IV. *THAT as soon as the said Fort shall be built, the* Cherokees *shall within Forty Days Notice, march into* Virginia, *Four Hundred able Warriors to such Fort or Place, as the Governor of that Place shall order or appoint, to be employed in the Service of the said Colony as Soldiers, in defending the Inhabitants thereof against the Encroachments of the* French *and* Indians *in their Alliance.*

V. *THAT if the* French *shall at any Time, directly or indirectly make use of any Means, either by coming into the Nation themselves, or sending their* Indians *with Belts of Wampum, or by any other Way whatsoever, endeavour to prevail on the* Cherokees *to infringe this Treaty, the* Cherokees *shall forthwith dispatch a Messenger, in whom they can confide, to the Governor of* Virginia, *to acquaint him with the same, and the particular Measures so taken.*

VI. *THAT if the* Cherokees *at any Time shall know, or be informed of, any Schemes that the* French *or their* Indians *may plan, to the Prejudice of the* English, *they shall give immediate Intelligence thereof to the Governor of* Virginia.

VII. *THAT the Warriors which shall be employed in the Service of the* English, *in the Colony of* Virginia, *be found and provided at the Expence of that Colony, with all necessary Cloaths, Victuals, Arms and Ammunition.*

VIII. *THAT neither the* Cherokees *nor* Virginians, *shall protect the disobedient Subjects of the other, or entertain Rebels, Traitors or Fugitives, but within Twenty Days after due Requisition made, shall deliver them up.*

IX. *THAT the* Cherokees *shall not suffer or permit the* French *to build any Fort or Fortification, on any of their Lands on the Waters of the* Mississippi *or elsewhere, that may annoy the* English, *if in their Power to prevent it.*

X. *THAT*

X. *THAT if any Subject belonging to the King of* Great-Britain, *residing in* Virginia, *or any* Cherokee *belonging to the* Cherokee *Nation, shall offend against this Treaty, they shall be punished, without the Treaty being any Way therefore infringed.*

Done and signed at BROAD-RIVER, in the Province of *North-Carolina*, this Seventeenth Day of *March*, in the XXIXth Year of His Majesty's Reign, *Anno Dom.* 1756.

PETER RANDOLPH.	[L. S.]
WILLIAM BYRD.	[L. S.]
AMMOSCOSETTE, *(mark.)*	[L. S.]
CHUCHU, *(mark.)*	[L. S.]
OTTERLE-CULLOUGHCULLA, *(mark.)*	[L. S.]
COUNNERCULOGO, *(mark.)*	[L. S.]
ONCONAGO, *(mark.)*	[L. S.]
WULLONOWA, *(mark.)*	[L. S.]
OCCONISTOTO, *(mark.)*	[L. S.]
UKIYOUROUGH, *(mark.)*	[L. S.]
AMMOTOYOUKER, *(mark.)*	[L. S.]
KEALKIRUFTKEE, *(mark.)*	[L. S.]
TELLETCHEE, *(mark.)*	[L. S.]
CHUNOYOUNKKEE, *(mark.)*	[L. S.]

His Honor the GOVERNOR *was pleaſed the 12th of* April, 1756, *to ſend the following Meſſage to the*

Houſe of Burgeſſes.

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes,

"I HAVE thought it proper to communicate to your Houſe, my Commiſſion and Inſtructions to *Peter Randolph* and *William Byrd*, Eſquires, appointed Commiſſioners, to treat on Behalf of this Government with the *Catawbas* and *Cherokees*, with my Letter to thoſe Gentlemen, containing ſome Obſervations which I judged might be of Service in their Negociations with thoſe People, and my two Speeches to the *Catawbas* and *Cherokees*. And to give you all the Satisfaction I am at preſent capable of, I ſend you the joint Letter of the Commiſſioners to me, dated the 17th of laſt Month. The Treaty I have not yet received, nor expect it before their Return."

THE ſaid Letter from the Commiſſioners ſignified they had that Day concluded their Buſineſs with the *Cherokees*, who would by no Means conſent to part with any of their Warriors 'til they had a Fort built, for the Protection of their Women and Children in their Abſence, but engaged as ſoon as it was compleated to ſend four Hundred of their Warriors to our Aſſiſtance. That their Sachems would engage for no more, but at the ſame Time aſſured them, they might probably ſend at leaſt a Thouſand which there was little Reaſon to doubt of, as they appear to have a particular Regard for *Virginia*. That it was the Opinion of Mr. *Smith*, who is well acquainted with their Situation, that if we ſhould neglect to build the Fort this Summer, they will be under a Neceſſity of joining

the *French*; wherefore, they (the Commiſſioners) had ſtipulated and promiſed in Behalf of this Colony, that a Fort ſhould be actually erected in the *Cherokee* Country with all poſſible Expedition.

Upon this the Houſe of Burgeſſes came to the following Reſolutions, viz.

Reſolved, THAT a Fort be erected in the Country of the *Cherokees*.

Reſolved, THAT an humble Addreſs be made to the Governor to deſire that his Honor will be pleaſed to pay for erecting the ſaid Fort out of the Money, which His Majeſty was pleaſed to ſend to him for the Uſe of this Colony now remaining in his Hands.

To which the Governor ſent the following Anſwer.

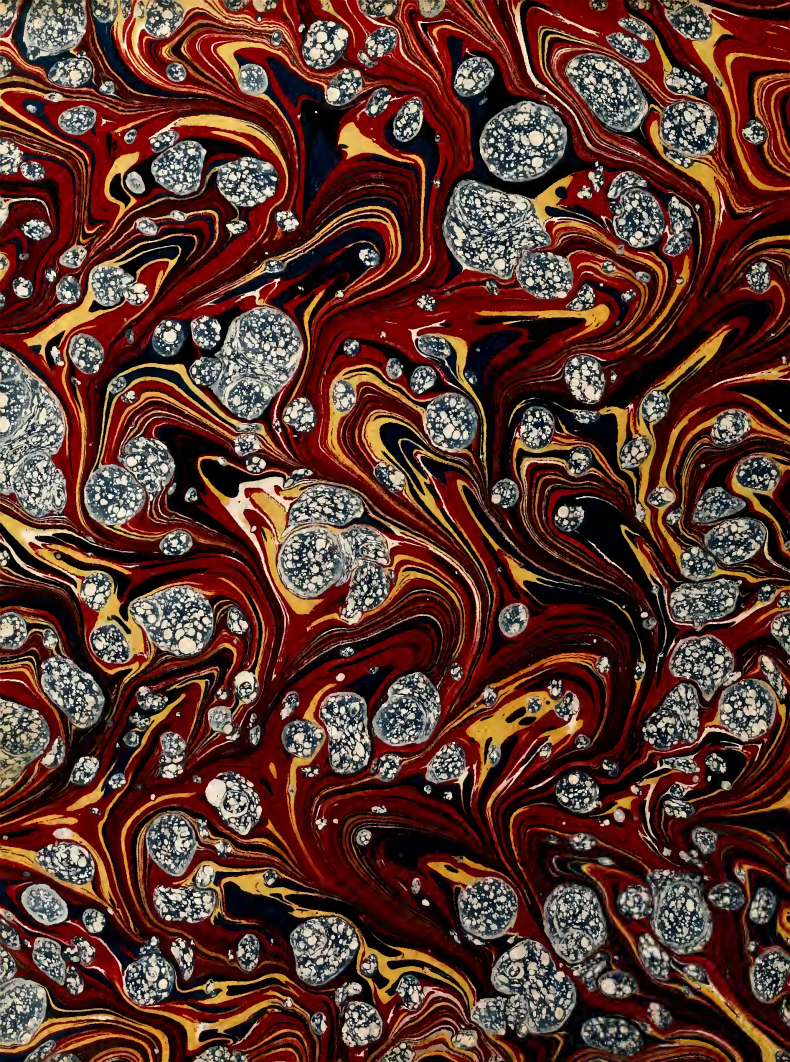
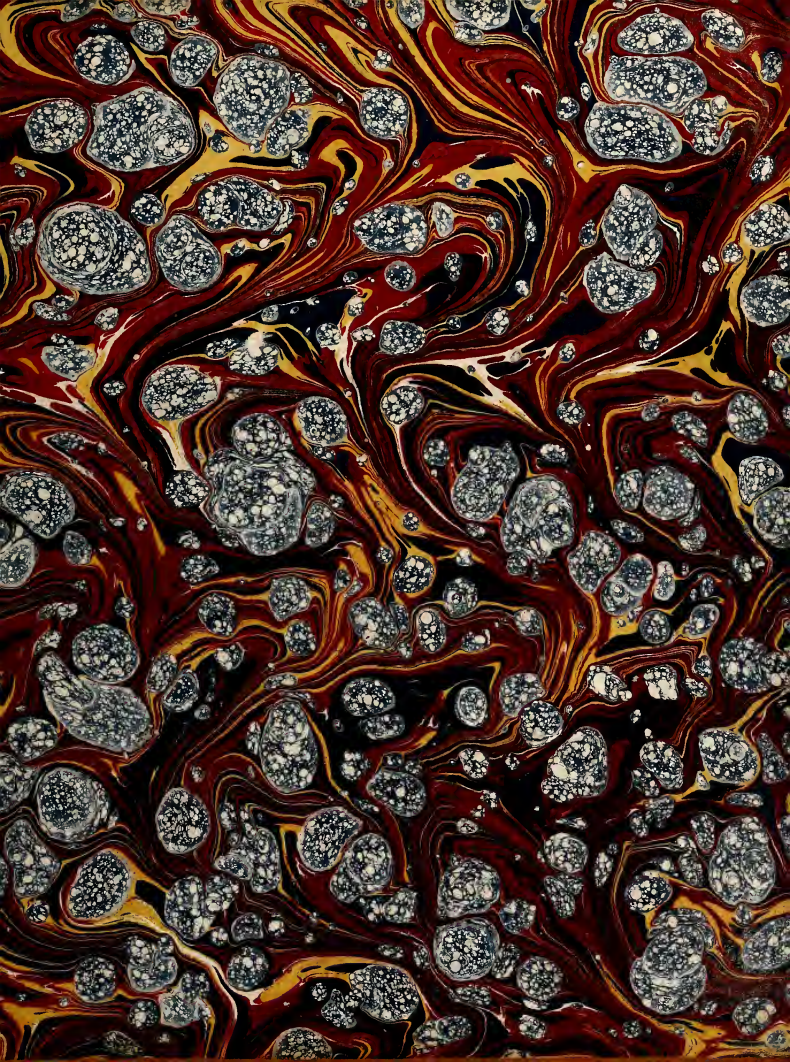
Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes,

"IN Anſwer to your Reſolve, I am to acquaint you, That ſince the Converſation between your Committee and myſelf, concerning the Application of the Ballance remaining in my Hands of the Money His Majeſty was graciouſly pleaſed to ſend for the Protection of the Colony, I have diſburſed ſeveral large Sums in the Purchaſe of Beeves, and other Neceſſaries for the Forces; however, I will engage to furniſh Eight Hundred Pounds towards that neceſſary Work, the erecting a Fort you have reſolved on in the *Cherokee* Country. But I ſhould be glad you would appoint ſome proper Perſons to make an Eſtimate of the Expence of the Undertaking, that a ſuitable Proviſion may be made to go on with the Work with Diſpatch and Regularity.

The Houſe of Burgeſſes after that Meſſage, came to the following Reſolution, viz.

Reſolved, THAT an humble Addreſs be made to the Governor, to deſire that his Honor will be pleaſed to appoint Major *Andrew Lewis*, and Captain *Samuel Overton*, to manage and overlook the Building a Fort in the *Cherokee* Country, and to aſſure his Honor that this Houſe will make good any Deficiency that the Sum his Honor has been pleaſed to ſay he would pay towards erecting the ſaid Fort, ſhall fall ſhort, ſo as the ſame do not exceed Two Thouſand Pounds in the whole,

TO which his Honor anſwered, " He was well ſatisfied with the Reſolution of their Houſe, and ſhould appoint Major *Lewis*, to overſee the Conſtruction of the ſaid Fort."

AND in Conſequence thereof, the Governor was pleaſed to order Major *Lewis*, to march immediately with Sixty Men, Tools, Utenſils, and Proviſions to *Choto*, in the *Cherokee* Country, for that Service.

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